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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USG APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ROLAND  
II MISSILE

1. LAST SATURDAY MORNING SHAHNAWAZ OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE (IN ABSENCE OF AZIZ AHMED AND AGHA SHAHI WHO WERE OUT OF THE COUNTRY) GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH WAS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET: QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IS CONSIDERING OBTAINING THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE AND PROGRESSIVELY MANUFACTURE THE ROLAND II MISSILE, PRODUCED JOINTLY BY MESSRS SCHMITT BOLKOW AND BLOHM OF GERMANY AND AEROSPATIALE OF FRANCE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT THAT THE AGREEMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN THIS CONNECTION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST FAVOURABLE RESPONSE BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THIS REGARD. END QUOTE.

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2. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, WHICH

SHAHNAWAZ SEEMED NOT IN A POSITION TO FURNISH, I FOUND THIS REQUEST BAFFLING AND DECIDED NOT TO FORWARD IT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT CHECKING WITH THE PAK MILITARY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT. WE FOUND HHHEY HAD A COMPLETE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHO HAD INITIATED THE AIDE MEMOIRE AND EMBARRASSED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THEY WERE ALSO IN THE DARK AS TO WHAT TYPE OF SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM THE U.S. THEY URGED HOWEVER, KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE ROLAND II

MISSILE, WERE CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER THE U.S. ITSELF WAS PLANNING TO PROCURE THIS MISSILE, AND WONDERED IF THEY COULD BE MADE PRIVY TO U.S. ARMY TEST RESULTS ON THE ROLAND MISSILE. THEY ASKED THAT WE DELAY ACTION UNTIL THEIR SIDE COULD BECOME BETTER COORDINATED.

3. LAST NIGHT AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION SHAHNAWAZ WAS ABLE TO PUT THIS MATTER IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE. HE SAID THE AIDE MEMOIRE HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE PAK MILITARY BUT HAD BEEN ORIGINATED BY AZIZ AHMED PERSONALLY. HE SAID IN THIS EXERCISE AZIZ AHMED WAS MERELY TRYING TO FIND OUT, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND POLICY, WHETHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT COULD BE FORTHCOMING FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THIS ITEM IF THE PAK MILITARY UPON FURTHER STUDY DECIDED THAT THIS WAS THE MISSILE THEY WANTED. I TOLD HIM I HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD THIS BEFORE, BUT HAD LOOKED UPON THIS AS A SPECIFIC ACTION REQUEST WHICH WAS VAGUE TO THE POINT WHERE A RECOMMENDATION ON OUR PART TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT AS THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM THEY MIGHT HAVE IN MIND. HE REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION ON THEIR PART OF ASKING US AT THIS TIME TO APPROVE A SPECIFIC PROGRAM. ALL THAT WAS INVOLVED AT THE MOMENT WAS AN EFFORT TO FIND OUT WHETHER PROHIBITIONS MIGHT EXIST WHICH WOULD PREVENT THIS PARTICULAR ITEM BEING PROCURED AS FAR AS THE U.S. WAS CONCERNED. PUT IN ANOTHER WAY, AZIZ AHMED DID NOT WANT THE MILITARY HERE TO GET DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THIS MISSILE SYSTEM IF THE U.S. IN THE END WOULD BE FORCED TO DISAPPROVE PAK ACQUISITION.

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YEARBOOK THAT THIS PARTICULAR MISSILE HAS ANY U.S. COMPONENTS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE U.S. LICENSING APPROVAL FOR SALE TO THE PAKISTANIS, BUT WE ASSUME FROM THE ABOVE THAT THIS IS PROBABLY THE CASE. THIS MESSAGE IS TO ASK IF THE POINT OF PRINCIPLE AND POLICY REQUESTED BY AZIZ AHMED CAN BE FURNISHED FOR RELAY TO HIM. IN EVENT THE ANSWER IS AFFIRMATIVE, IT WOULD OF COURSE BE MADE CLEAR THAT OUR ANSWER AS REGARDS THE POLICY

ASPECT WOULD IN NO WAY PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY OF  
SEEKING U.S. AGREEMENT THROUGH ROUTINE AND NORMAL  
CHANNELS TO THE ACTUAL PROGRAM THE PAKS HAD IN MIND  
SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO TRY TO PURCHASE THIS MISSILE  
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